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This poster provides a parent checklist for helping children with homework. There are three components to the checklist: (1) "Make Sure Your Child Has" includes items regarding basic necessities such as a regular time each day for homework and organization aids; (2) "Questions to Ask Your Child" contains nine questions, including whether the assignment is clear, requires special resources or supplies, or needs a schedule for successful completion; (3) "Other Ways to Help" lists general hints for parents, such as meeting with teachers early in the year to find out about homework policy, contacting the teacher if there is a problem, and reviewing teacher comments on homework and discussing them with the child. (KDFB)

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Make Sure Your Child Has

- ☐ A quiet place to work with good light.
- ☐ A regular time each day for doing homework.
- ☐ Basic supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, markers, and ruler.
- ☐ Aids to good organization, such as an assignment calendar, book bag, and folders.

Questions To Ask Your Child

- ☐ What's your assignment today?
- ☐ Is the assignment clear? (If not, suggest calling the school's homework hotline or a classmate.)
- ☐ When is it due?
- ☐ Do you need special resources (e.g., a trip to the library or access to a computer)?
- ☐ Do you need special supplies (e.g., graph paper or posterboard)?
- ☐ Have you started today's assignment? Finished it?
- ☐ Is it a longterm assignment (e.g., a term paper or science project)?
- ☐ For a major project, would it help to write out the steps or make a schedule?
- ☐ Would a practice test be useful?

Other Ways To Help

- ☐ Look over your child's homework, but don't do the work!
- ☐ Meet the teachers early in the year and find out about homework policy.
- ☐ Review teacher comments on homework that has been returned and discuss with your child.
- ☐ Contact the teacher if there's a homework problem or need you can't resolve.
- ☐ Congratulate your child on a job well done.

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